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**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
PLYMPTON ST. MARY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL**

MR CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the district for the year 1965.

There have been the usual outbreaks of the infectious diseases of childhood, none of them serious. No cases of Diphtheria and no cases of Poliomyelitis were notified. Immunisation against both these diseases is undoubtedly of great value and it is most important that it should continue at a high level.

The population of the district continues to rise as a result of a great amount of new building. This rapid growth is sometimes too swift for the necessary services, as has occurred at Wembury, but it is hoped that by next year this situation will have been satisfactorily dealt with.

The vital statistics show considerable variation, but this is not of any significance, as the numbers concerned are comparatively small, so that what may occur by chance has a marked effect on the rate concerned.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

R. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area – 66,600 acres, of which 174 are inland water.

Population – 1951 Census	..	..	..	..	31,820
Population estimated to the middle of 1965	..	..			46,500
Rateable Value 1.4.65	..	..	..	..	£1,688,866
Amount produced by a 1d. Rate 1964/65	..	..			£6,860. 0. 11

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1965

LIVE BIRTHS

	<i>Total</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	
Legitimate	871	449	422	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popula- tion, 19.26
Illegitimate	25	13	12	
	<u>896</u>	<u>462</u>	<u>434</u>	

STILL BIRTHS	13	8	5	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 14.30
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DEATHS	544	288	256	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popula- tion, 11.69
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Deaths from Puerperal Causes:	—	—		Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, Nil
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DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All Infants per 1,000 live births	18.98
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	..			17.22
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..			80.00

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	11.16
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	..			10.33
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..			40.00

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE

All Infants per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	10.04
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	..				9.18
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..				40.00

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births	..	..	..	..	1.03
Deaths	..	..	..	..	0.91

CAUSES OF DEATH

					Males	Females	1965	1964
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	..	..			2	—	2	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..		—	—	—	1
3. Syphilitic disease	..	..	..		1	—	1	1
4. Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
5. Whooping cough	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	..	..			—	—	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..		—	—	—	—
8. Measles	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	..				—	1	—	2
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	..	..			9	6	15	15
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	..				19	5	24	14
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	..	..			—	11	11	8
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..			—	3	3	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms					31	25	56	39
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..			1	—	1	5
16. Diabetes	..	..	..	..	2	4	6	5
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	..				31	54	85	67
18. Coronary disease, angina	...	..			87	32	119	82
19. Hypertension with heart disease	..				2	1	3	6
20. Other heart disease	..	..	..		20	43	63	53
21. Other circulatory disease	..	..			12	10	22	19
22. Influenza	..	..	..	..	—	—	—	—
23. Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	20	18	38	32
24. Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	9	5	14	16
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	..				5	1	6	2

			Males	Females	1965	1964
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	..		3	—	3	3
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..		—	2	2	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .. ..	..	..	3	3	6	5
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .. ..	..	..	—	—	—	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..		—	—	—	—
31. Congenital malformations .. ..	..	..	—	1	1	5
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..		20	19	39	44
33. Motor Vehicle accidents .. ..	..	..	3	6	9	3
34. All other accidents .. ..	..	..	4	5	9	5
35. Suicide .. ..	..	..	4	1	5	8
36. Homicide and operations of war	..		—	—	—	1
			288	256	544	445

DEATHS OVER 65

There were 403, viz.: 59 between 65 and 70

87	„	70	„	75
86	„	75	„	80
68	„	80	„	85
71	„	85	„	90
25	„	90	„	95
6	„	95	„	100
1	over	100		

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The total number of notifications was 793, as compared with 245 during the previous year.

SCARLET FEVER

11 cases were notified as compared with 23 during the previous year. Most of the cases occurred in the parish of Plympton St. Mary (8). The disease was of a very mild character.

DIPHTHERIA

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS

No cases of Poliomyelitis were notified.

DISINFECTION

Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Council's employees under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors.

TUBERCULOSIS (*see pages 11 and 12*)

With regard to the extent of notification before death, the following table shows the date of notification:

<i>Sex</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date notified</i>	<i>Died</i>
<i>M</i>	54	26.4.44	19.4.65
<i>M</i>	52	22.5.45	5.6.65

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE FOR THE YEAR 1965

Disease	Bickleigh	Brixton	Cornwood	Ermington	Harford	Holbeton	Ivybridge	Newton and Noss	Plympton St. Mary	Plympton St. Maurice	Plymstock	Shaugh Prior	Wembury	Yealmlpton	TOTALS
SCARLET FEVER ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	3	—	—	—	11
DYSENTERY ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
PNEUMONIA ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
ERYSIPELAS ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
WHOOPIING COUGH ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	5
MEASLES ..	2	8	—	—	—	3	—	18	361	3	338	2	28	5	76
FOOD POISONING ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	3
ENCEPHALITIS ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS ..	2	8	—	—	—	3	1	20	376	4	344	2	28	5	793

DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1965

		AGE PERIODS NOTIFICATIONS												Total
		Under one year	1 2	2 3	3 4	4 5	5 10	10 15	15 20	20 35	35 45	45 65	65 and over	
SCARLET FEVER	.. ..	—	—	1	—	5	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
DYSENTERY	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
PNEUMONIA	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
ERYSIPELAS	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3
WHOOPING COUGH	.. ..	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5
MEASLES	.. ..	7	61	97	128	121	330	15	4	5	—	—	—	768
FOOD POISONING	.. ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3
ENCEPHALITIS	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	..	8	61	99	130	126	337	16	6	5	1	2	2	793

TUBERCULOSIS—NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1965

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES						DEATHS						Total No. of Cases	Total No. of Deaths
	PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY			PULMONARY			NON-PULMONARY				
	Male	F'male	Total	Male	F'male	Total	Male	F'male	Total	Male	F'male	Total		
Under 1 Year	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1-5	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
5-10	..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
10-15	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-20	..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
20-25	..	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
25-35	..	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
35-45	..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
45-55	..	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	1	2
55-65	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS	..	7	4	11	—	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	12	2

With regard to Tuberculosis affecting employees in the milk trade, no case had to be dealt with, nor had any action to be taken with regard to the compulsory removal to Hospital under Section 172, Public Health Act, 1936.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951

No case was dealt with during the year.

WATER SAMPLING

During the year, 143 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples taken:

Supply	No. of samples taken	Presumptive Coliform Count per 100 ml.			
		Class 1 (less than 1)	Class 2 (1-2)	Class 3 (3-10)	Class 4 (Greater than 10)
HARFORD ..	3	3	—	—	—
ERME	72	64	2	1	3
YEALM/ERME ..	43	39	3	—	1
OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SUPPLIES ..	25	9	1	1	14
TOTAL ..	143	117	6	2	18

Routine chemical analyses continue to be taken. Samples from the Erme, Yealm and Butterbrook vary from one another only in detail.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information:

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Plymstock Main Drainage Scheme and the construction of Radford Sewage Disposal Works have both been completed during the year.

Schemes for the drainage of Newton and Noss, Wembury, Down Thomas and Heybrook Bay have been submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for approval.

Investigations are being carried out on the existing sewerage system in Ivybridge with a view to renewal, together with the extension of the Sewage Works in due course.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse collection and disposal has continued normally throughout the year, and a weekly collection has been afforded to the whole district with the exception of a few isolated properties.

The disposal tip at Ivybridge has been closed and all refuse is now taken to the joint tip at Chelson Meadow.

The use of paper sacks within the district is continuing to increase.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NON-COUNCIL HOUSES DURING 1965

Parish	No. of houses completed during 1965	No. of houses under construction on 31st December, 1965
Bickleigh	1	—
Brixton	7	6
Cornwood	5	4
Ermington	1	—
Harford	—	—
Holbeton	1	—
Ivybridge	87	40
Newton & Noss	20	16
Plympton St. Mary	276	136
Plympton St. Maurice	—	—
Plymstock	172	90
Shaugh Prior	2	—
Wembury	48	28
Yealmpton	6	21
TOTAL ..	626	341

COUNCIL HOUSES

PRE-WAR HOUSING

The number of houses completed and occupied up to the commencement of the war in 1939 was 367, excluding houses transferred to Plymouth.

During the year, improvements were carried out to 285 houses to provide hot-water systems.

POST-WAR HOUSING

The number of houses completed and occupied during the post-war period up to December 31st, 1965, is as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>				<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Bickleigh	Leatside (Roborough)				8
Brixton	Bellows Park				70 (including 2 shops)
Cornwood	Newtown				6
„	Crossways				16
Ermington	Ermeside Cottages				6
Holbeton	Orchard Cottages				8
„	1 and 2 Fore Street				2
Ivybridge	New Estate				118 (including 2 shops)
Newton and Noss ..	Hillside Cottages				6
„	Butts Park				20
Plympton St. Mary	New Park (Lee Mill)				16
„	George Avenue				20
„	Woodford				114 (including 1 shop)
„	Sparkwell				10
Plympton St. Maurice ..	New Estate				396 (including 4 shops)
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate				204
„	Pomphlett Close				60
„	Hooe Estate				94 (including 2 shops)
„	Hooe Manor Estate				136
„	Wembury Road (Elburton)				26
„	Oreston				42
Shaugh Prior	Trethewey Gardens (Wotter)				30
„	Lee Moor				28
Wembury	Uplands				6
Yealmpton	Yeo Park				6
„	Yealm Park				64
<i>Total Dwellings</i>					<u>1,512</u>

The number of houses under construction at the 31st December, 1965, is as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>					<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Holbeton	The Drive	..	..	..	..	6
Plympton St. Maurice ..	St. Maurice Estate	..	..	..	..	48
Plymstock	Stentaway Estate	..	..	..	..	26
<i>Total Dwellings</i>						80

Further contracts now being executed or in course of preparation are as follows:

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Name of Site</i>					<i>Number of Dwellings</i>
Ivybridge	Pound Farm	..	..	..	..	38
Plympton St. Mary	Lee Mill	..	..	..	..	8
Yealmpton ..	Yealm Park	..	..	..	..	26
<i>Total Dwellings</i>						64

HOUSING ACTS

SLUM CLEARANCE:

Ermington (Lee Mill Estate): 2 families were rehoused, 2 houses were demolished.

Ermington Nos. 2 and 4 Clearance Orders, 1965: The unfitness of the houses in these areas was agreed in each case, but the Minister deferred his decision for 6 months to give the owners an opportunity of submitting proposals for repair and improvement to the Council.

Plympton St. Mary: 20 houses were demolished.

Plympton No. 14 Compulsory Purchase Order, 1965: The Order was confirmed by the Minister in December, and one family was rehoused.

Plympton No. 15 Compulsory Purchase Order, 1965: The Order was submitted for confirmation, but the result had not been received by the end of the year.

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES

12 houses were demolished.

HOUSES MADE FIT

49 houses were made fit in all respects.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961
PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
		Inspections (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	103	85	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	19	17	—	—
TOTAL ..	134	105	3	—

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
	Found (3)	Remedied (4)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (5)	By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S. 1) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S. 2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary conveniences (S. 7):					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	2	—	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ..	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	3	—	1	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1965

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

Herewith, I submit the following report on the work carried out by the Public Health Department during the year ended the 31st December, 1965:

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

Houses inspected (Housing and Public Health Acts)	..	132
Total visits for housing purposes	.. .. .	861
Visits in connection with Council house applications	..	14
Factories	.. .. .	33
Food Premises	.. .. .	397
Slaughterhouses	.. .. .	1,411
Dairies	.. .. .	20
Petroleum	.. .. .	155
Explosives	.. .. .	4
Infectious Disease Investigations	.. .. .	135
Water Supplies and Sampling	.. .. .	201
Nuisances investigated	.. .. .	363
Caravan sites and Control of Development Act	.. .. .	51
Rodent Control	.. .. .	15
Drainage Work	.. .. .	449
Noise Abatement	.. .. .	34
Animal Boarding Establishments	.. .. .	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	.. .. .	286
Scrap Metal Dealers	.. .. .	14
Total number of visits for all purposes during the year	..	4,678

HOUSING

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

1. Number of preliminary enquiries made	.. .. .	41
2. Number of applications made	.. .. .	24
3. Number of applications approved by the Council	..	24
4. Number of houses where work was completed during the year	.. .. .	19
5. Average amount per house	.. .. .	£302
6. Number of applicants advised Council were unlikely to approve an application	.. .. .	3

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
No. of applications made ..	19	26	25	49	24
No. of applications approved	19	26	25	49	24
No. of houses completed ..	20	28	19	20	19
Average amount per house ..	£252	£249	£292	£296	£302

STANDARD GRANTS. The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

Number of preliminary enquiries made	50
Number of applications received	36
Number of applications approved	36
Number of houses where work was completed during the year	30
Average amount per house	£106
Number of Applicants informed no grant could be given ..	1

COUNCIL HOUSES. 285 were improved during the year. 285 hot-water systems were installed and 76 wash-hand basins provided and fixed.

RENT ACT, 1957. No applications were received during the year.

EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 AND 1923

12 store licences were issued, 5 premises were registered under Mode A. or Mode B., and 56 shops were registered for the storage of 'shop goods' – a term applied to all the smaller natures of fire-works which are not liable to explode violently.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951

It is the duty of every local Authority to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who dies or is found dead in their area, in any case where it appears that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made. It was not necessary to do so during the year, but portions of two human skeletons were buried at the request of the Coroner.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952

This Act came into operation on the 1st April, 1952. It is necessary for a person keeping a Pet Shop to be licensed by the Council. 2 licences were renewed during the year.

FIREGUARDS ACT, 1953

This Act came into operation on 1st October, 1953. The Act and the Orders and Regulations made thereunder make provision for the fitting of guards of approved type to all heating appliances.

All appliances manufactured after 1st October, 1953, must comply with the provisions of the Act and the provisions apply to all fires, etc., sold by retail after 1st October, 1954.

No difficulty has been experienced with regard to the sale of such appliances.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Applications for Site Licences were received in respect of a number of sites. These have been dealt with in accordance with the Act, and, after determination of their requirements under the Principal Act, Licences have been issued in respect of 3 sites.

Enquiries as to the provisions of the Act continue to be received and action and vigilance is required to control the unlawful siting of caravans.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

This Act came into force on the 1st January, 1964. 2 licences to keep a Boarding Establishment were issued, the extent of the boarding in each case being on a very small scale.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Certain sections of the Act, including the requirement to register premises, came into force on the 1st May, 1964.

Most of the main provisions, however, came into force on the 1st August, 1964.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1965

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				
		Non-Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Columns (1), (2) and (3)	(5) Agri- cultural
1	No. of properties in Local Authority's District	35 (approx.)	15,115 (approx.)	620 (approx.)	15,770	550 (approx.)
2	Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	—	307	19	326	3
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
	Common rat { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	218	9	227	2
	Ship rat.. .. { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	24	2	26	—
3	Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	26	268	4	298	1
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
	Common rat { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	12	13	—	25	—
	Ship rat.. .. { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	—	—	—	—

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4	Total number of properties otherwise inspected (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	5	—	5	—
	Number of such properties found to be infested by:					
	Common rat { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	5	—	5	—
	Ship rat.. .. . { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	—	—	—	—
	House mouse { Major ..	—	—	—	—	—
	{ Minor ..	—	—	—	—	—
5	Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	156	3,554	42	3,752	11
6	Number of infested properties (in Sections 2, 3 and 4) treated by the L.A.	12	260	11	283	2
7	Total treatments carried out—including re-treatments. (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	36	370	14	420	3
8	Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act:					
	(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
	(b) Structural Work (i.e. Proofing)	—	—	—	—	—
9	No. of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—
10	Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
11	Number of ‘Block’ control schemes carried out	—	—	—	—	—

Details of registrations and inspections, as sent to the Ministry of Labour, are as follows:

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during year	Total No. of premises registered at end of year	Number of premises inspected during year
Offices	13	43	13
Retail Shops	42	115	42
Wholesale shops, warehouses ..	3	7	3
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	9	25	9
Fuel storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	67	190	67

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered premises – 286.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	263
Retail shops	394
Wholesale departments, warehouses	59
Catering establishments open to the public ..	102
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	—
TOTAL ..	820
TOTAL MALES ..	340
TOTAL FEMALES ..	480

RODENT CONTROL

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, no charge was made for work carried out at private dwellings but the full cost of work at business premises was recovered.

Co-operation has been maintained with the Officials of the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and their advice is always appreciated.

Annual Test Baiting was carried out in April in 414 manholes in 31 sewerage systems. As a result it was necessary to carry out maintenance treatment in May in 6 systems (140 manholes). The second maintenance treatment was carried out in November in 6 systems (140 manholes). The Council's Sewage Disposal Works were treated on 37 occasions, the Refuse Tips on 3 occasions, and other Council land on one occasion.

Details of the work carried out during the year can be seen from the table.

The work was carried out by the Council's Rodent operator, assisted, part-time, by another workman in the Department.

The methods advocated by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the extermination of rats and mice were used, the bait bases being damp sausage rusk, bread mash, oatmeal and sugar meal, and the poisons Zinc Phosphide, Arsenious Oxide, Antu (Alpha-naphthyl-thiourea), and Warfarin.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

5 Applications for the renewal of licences were received, all of which were granted.

During the year, visits were made as follows:

Slaughterhouses	1,411
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MEAT

The total weight of carcasses and organs found to be diseased and voluntarily surrendered was 22 tons 11 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

Diseased meat, etc., is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED
IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud'g Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number inspected	382	1,896	68	16,992	22,734
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci –					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	5	5	108	37
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	33	801	5	4,661	1,502
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.9	42.5	14.7	28.0	6.7
Tuberculosis only –					
Whole carcasses condemned	–	–	–	–	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	–	–	–	–	323
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	–	–	–	–	1.4
Cysticercosis –					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ..	–	–	–	–	–
Carcasses submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration ..	–	–	–	–	–
Generalised and totally con- demned	–	–	–	–	–

FOOD PREMISES

Inspections of Food Premises were carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and notices served where necessary.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:

The manufacture of Ice Cream for sale	..	2
The sale of Ice Cream	178
The manufacture of Preserved Food	..	48
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		228
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During the year, 3 premises were registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the sale of Ice Cream.

52 visits were made to food premises during the year, and a total weight of 11 cwts. 1 qr. 19 lbs. of food condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Byelaws as to the handling and sale of food are in force in the Rural District. Minor contraventions were detected, but these were quickly rectified when the shopkeepers were notified.

MILK

The number of dairies and distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, are as follows:

Dairies	..	..	..	..	24
Distributors	..	..	..	..	41
					—
					65
					—

20 visits of inspection were made during the year.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undermentioned figures apply to the period from the 1st April, 1965, to the 31st March, 1966.

PETROLEUM SPIRIT

Number of licences renewed during the above period	..	71
Number of new licences issued during the above period	..	3
Number of licences transferred	.. .. .	1

During recent years the work in connection with Petroleum Spirit storage has increased considerably. Much time has been spent in supervising the installation of tanks and pumps and testing same.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient Servant,

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Chief Public Health Inspector.

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